

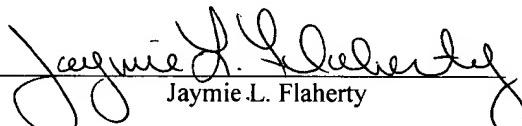


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
William L. Bong)
Application No: 09/757,738) Group: 1725
Filed: January 09, 2001) Examiner: Kerns, Kevin P
For: CONSUMABLE GUIDE TUBE)
Docket: ARC 01.002)

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 26, 2003, Applicant submits the following Reply and Amendment. This responsive communications includes three sections: Introductory Comments, Claim Amendments and Remarks.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner stated that the reply file on August 6, 2003 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the Applicant did not include a complete listing and status of the all claims.

Per the Examiner's request, please find enclosed a complete listing and status of all the claims in the Claim Amendments section.